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BGFRIEND OPERATIONAL PLAN

A. Factors On Which Operational Plan Must Be Based -

1. It must be assumed that neither the Albanian leaders nor the Albanian agents can be trusted to keep any information of any sort secret.
2. Operational training must be conducted in part at least by Americans or British.
- ✓ 3. Individual Albanians will not allow themselves to be trained or infiltrated into the country without the knowledge and approval of their own leaders.
4. The knowledge that the United States is supporting the operation is a source of considerable pride to the Albanians participating in the operation and it is certain that Albanians infiltrated into the country will use American and British sponsorship as a major inducement in getting indigenous Albanians to support their operation.

B. Security Requirements -

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1. The operation must be set up in a manner which will prevent any documentary evidence of any sort concerning American or British participation falling into the hands of the Communists.
2. Adequate operational security must be provided in order to protect to the maximum extent possible the operations going on within

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the country.

C. Proposal -

1. A holding area will be set up in the U. S. Zone of Germany capable of handling up to three hundred Albanians. No operational training will be conducted at this area and it must be run in such a way that complete access to reporters and other investigators can safely be given on a moments notice. It must be assumed that the camp will be penetrated by Communist agents. The purpose of this camp will be primarily to provide a holding area so that operational bodies can be readily available for training and infiltration as required. The camp will also provide the opportunity to observe and evaluate individuals for future use. Certain types of general political indoctrination can be conducted informally.

2. Operational training will be conducted on a completely clandestine basis. Individual parties of not more than five each will be trained intensively for two or three weeks in isolated houses in Germany and possibly Austria. These Albanians would be under constant surveillance and would not be permitted to leave the training house. Training would be conducted by one or more American or British trainers in civilian clothing, together with one Albanian interpreter. After training is completed the party will be moved directly to an air field where they will be loaded at night into an aircraft for shipment to Malta for sea infiltration

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or direct drop into Albania. If drop-off operation is to be run, aircraft will be unmarked and piloted by Polish crews. British will be asked for landing facilities in Klaugenfurt if refueling is necessary.

D. Implication of Security Regulations -

1. In the event Albanian agents are captured, it must be assumed that they will tell all they know. They will state that they have American and British support and, in order to substantiate this, they will describe the location of the overt holding area and will identify the men operating it. They will attempt to describe the location of the covert training house and will attempt to identify the individuals who conducted the training. They will attempt to describe the transportation from Germany to Albania and the route followed.

2. In this event, we should be perfectly willing to admit the location of the holding area and to allow anyone to inspect the area. However, there should be no way of locating the covert training house. If it is discovered, it will be by that time completely empty and the identity of the British and American officers who conducted the training cannot be known. United States reply would in general be that Albanians are being held in a camp in Germany but that no illegal activities of any sort are taking place there. United States should deny all further charges as being complete fiction.

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